

News Release

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Art of the Wild Show and Sale Scheduled for November 17 and 18 at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA - DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge will host the 12th Art of the Wild Show and Sale, Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the visitor center. More than twenty outstanding exhibitors will be displaying and selling wood-carvings, photography, gourd and feather art and a variety of other mediums. All work exhibited and sold will focus primarily on the regional wildlife of the Missouri River Basin and Great Plains. Exhibitors will be present both days. The show is hosted by and is a fund raising event for the Friends of Boyer Chute and DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge.

Art of the Wild is a great opportunity to experience, first hand, beautiful wildlife related art and wildlife itself! The show coincides with peak bird migration at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge. Wetland restoration encourages the number of ducks utilizing the refuge each year. Some wetlands and many parts of DeSoto Lake are in areas easily accessible to the public. There are great opportunities to view wildlife from the DeSoto Visitor Center viewing gallery with excellent lake views. Spotting scopes and binoculars will be available during Art of the Wild to get a closer look at the birds.

An entrance permit is required for all vehicles on days other than fee free days. The regular daily entrance fee for private vehicles is \$3.00. Permits may be obtained at the pay stations near the entrances or at the Visitor Center. The charge for commercial vans and buses is \$20, or \$30 if 21 or more people are aboard. Annual permits, including the \$15 DeSoto Refuge Pass, can be obtained at the visitor center.

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are located north of Omaha, Nebraska along on U.S. Highway 30 between Missouri Valley, Iowa and along U.S. Highway 75 near Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. For more information contact 712/388-4800 or email the refuge at desoto@fws.gov. Check our websites, www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto/ or www.fws.gov/refuge/boyer_chute/, for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges.

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